

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 10 because of certain informalities. These claims have been amended to overcome the informalities. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of these objections

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Borsuk (U.S. Patent No. 3,927,925, hereinafter "Borsuk"). Claims 14-19 have been deleted. The only independent claim that remains pending is claim 1. Applicant submits that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Borsuk.

Borsuk discloses a connector assembly 10 having a printed circuit board 14 with plates 16 and 18 and dielectric material 20, 36 and 38. Openings are formed through the printed circuit board and tails 56a, 56b, and 56c are inserted through the openings. Two of the tails 56b and 56c have bushings 70 that make contact with the plates 18 and 16 respectively. What should be noted is that the tail 56a does not have a bushing formed on it. The only enlargement is an area making contact with a plated-through hole 30. The plated-through hole 30 is not a dielectric material. As such, the tail 56a does not have any bushing or enlargement making contact with a dielectric material.

Claim 1 now includes the limitation that the protrusion makes contact with either the power metal portion, the ground metal portion, or the dielectric portion. As mentioned, the tail 56a does not make contact with either the plates 16 or 18 or any of the dielectric material 20, 36, or 38. Claim 1 thus includes at least one limitation that is not suggested by Borsuk.

Claims 3 and 5-8 depend from claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claim 10 now includes limitations similar to the limitations introduced in claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 12 and 13 depend from claim 10 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Borsuk.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

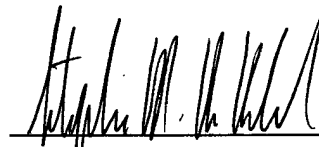
The Examiner has rejected claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borsuk in view of Noda (U.S. Patent No. 6,827,586, hereinafter "Noda"). Claim 9 depends from claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claim 19 has been deleted. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borsuk in view of Noda.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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